

Dear Paul,

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IOEOC2 is quite interesting. As you may recall, I began a book on this more than 20 years ago and sent you the rough drafts of the few chapters I'd written. This is a sort of unclear day for me and I'm not sure I picked up all you wrote. If you have anything more like this I'd like to read it and if there is anything you want to be confidential, please mark it that way. A few comments:

2. Destroyed files: you probably have the Jack Anderson column based on what I got from the Army, that it had and destroyed three different files on the JFK assassination.

6. Wasp picetings- remember that one of Oswald's leaflets was preserved by the New Orleans Harbor Police. It did not have Oswald's prints on it but held other prints the FBI refused to disclose to me.

7. LHO's security clearance. The Navy report you cite is not all. The FBI, WFO, looked at the file 11/22 and made no mention of any security clearance and said it reported everything of any significance.

Other matters: in addition to what you report about CBS/Cronkite, Nova is working on a special, Bob Richter, and a bunch of British commercializers, unknown to me, also is. Neither has been in touch with me.

John Davis has been rather closemouthed about his book, which I don't mind. I suspected but didn't know the subtitle. He never mentioned it. The other books you mention I'd not heard of and I know of no others.

Henry Hurt borrowed my tape of Guinn's press conference after his HSCA testimony. After he finished his book I asked for its return several times plus at least once via Cissy. He had reasons for keeping it and now he says he's mislaid it. He says he asked you for a dub and that you said you know nothing about it. In fact, you provided me with that dub and I'd appreciate another now in anticipation of some of what will be coming up on the anniversary.

On the general subject of spooks and spooking, the CIA finally, just this week, acted on my 1985 appeal from withholdings in Nosenko records I got from the FBI some time ago, upholding all the withholdings. I've sent this to Jim and I think he will go forward with it. (Remember, as I have in Post Mortem, Nosenko told the FBI the KGB suspected that Oswald was a sleeper agent and that he was anti-USSR.) What I remember that was provocative in the basically drab records the FBI gave me is that from the moment he defected in Switzerland there were constantly shifting and never credible CIA reasons for not crediting Nosenko and none of these included the one the CIA finally fixed on, as is specific in John L. Hart's HSCA testimony for it, that he was dispatched by the KGB to dininform. Which also has no credibility. I've gone over Hart's testimony as published by HSCA and wish I had the tape I then made because I think it was edited and does not include all he said.

In your discussion of missing records in this part of your draft you make no mention of missing CIA records. I think Jim knows more about this and I'm sure that HSCA asked Helms when he testified in public. He could not account for the admittedly missing Oswald records.

Best to you all,

*Hardy*